

REMARKS

Examiner objected to claims 17-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten claims 17-19 in independent form to be allowable. The remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice. The Applicants therefore respectfully request the allowance of the application.

CONCLUSION

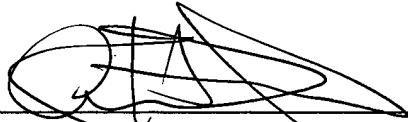
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Arlen M. Hartounian at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 6/30/04



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Application No.: 09/687,262 Filing Date: 10/11/2000 Docket No.: 4860.P2525X
Date Mailed: 06/30/2004 Due Date: 06/30/2004
Client: APPLE COMPUTER, INC. Atty/Sec: JCS AMH jxs

Title: COMPUTER MOUSE HAVING SIDE AREAS TO MAINTAIN A DEPRESSED BUTTON POSITION

First Named Inventor: Farag, et al.

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